

those, that maybe we should have some mechanism to assess a per mile cost of inspections on those types of gas lines that don't have a meter...any meters within the state because it doesn't seem fair to me that the users of gas in this state should pay for the inspections of these wholesale pipelines also. But I am aware now that again from the State Fire Marshall's office just this morning that there is going to be some regulations changed from the federal government and maybe next year there will be a bill, as I understand it, and Senator Hefner, you may want to respond to this, that would allow that sort of a charge mechanism to be set up, and I guess I would ask Senator Hefner if, in fact, that doesn't happen, if his committee might be interested in looking at an interim study of ways to assess this cost on a per mile basis on those wholesale pipelines, if Senator Hefner would respond to that question, please, Mr. President.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Vickers, this is entirely true, and we need this bill by March 1st because this is when the State Fire Marshall's office puts this assessment on these meters. But, yes, I think that I personally would like to see something like that, and so I think we can go ahead and advance this bill and then maybe during the summer have an interim study on it or come back next year and have a bill if we see it is necessary.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Senator Hefner, and with that, I would simply urge the body's favorable consideration of LB 383.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? If not, the motion is to advance LB 383 to Enrollment and Review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Motion is to advance LB 383 on the consent calendar. Please record your vote on the motion to advance LB 383. Have you all voted? Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: On behalf of Senator Lamb, the Chair would like to introduce his guests under the south balcony, Loreece Jochem of Ainsworth and Jodie Farr of Omaha. Welcome to our proceedings. We are skipping over LB 171. We will take up LB 238.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 238 offered by the Banking Committee. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 13 of this year. It was referred to the Banking Committee for